

# Candidates

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*Which town – and high school – do you think would best serve Jamestown: North Kingstown or Narragansett?*

Held said, “We haven’t completed our analysis and any member of the team [reviewing the high schools] could put together a list of pros and cons for each. I wouldn’t be confident saying which I prefer until the analysis is completed.” Rebecchi said, “This is a great opportunity for a competitive [bidding] situation because we have an \$8 million-a-year ‘carrot’ to wave in front of each school system.

*If Jamestown lost state funding next year, how will that affect the school budget? Should we raise taxes or trim budget expenses?*

Kaiser said, “We would still be able to function as we have

without raising taxes because the budget has been built around the assumption of no state aid.” Held agreed with Kaiser’s assessment.

*What is your opinion of tenure-based versus performance-based teacher evaluations?*

Rebecchi noted that his background “has a lot to do with time-tracking systems, and there is a lot of resistance to this, but there is something to be said for [using this approach] to provide us with comparisons.” Kaiser said, “The [state] Education Department is in the process of issuing an evaluation system, and the commissioner is looking at merit pay. I would choose management rights [for evaluations] of teachers whether they’re tenured or best-qualified.”

Here are just a few of the public questions to, and responses from, the candidates:

• *What is the School Committee position on the North Kingstown request for its high school principal to resign?* Held

said she is not expecting serious problems to arise because “you expect personnel changes over the long term.” Kaiser noted that the minutes of the executive session underlying the request “are sealed – and, for the moment, we have to respect the process used by other communities.”

• *Why does the Town Council continue to seal the minutes of its executive sessions?* Sutton pointed out that they deserved to be sealed if the discussions involved litigation, personnel, land acquisition or union negotiations.

• *What position should Jamestown take regarding the prospect of LNG shipments up the East Passage?* Schnack said he opposes the shipments, and worries about “who will pay for ensuring public [safety].” Winsor said she also opposes the shipments, and has sought to form a local group that would actively oppose them.

## Sailing team to hold fundraising dinner

The North Kingstown High School sailing team recently qualified for the Great Oaks Regatta, a national event in New Orleans, La. in November.

To help raise funds for this event, the team will hold a “Taste of New Orleans” dinner this Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Wickford Yacht Club. Two seating times, 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., will be available.

The event will feature a jambalaya dinner, dessert, live music and an odd jobs auction.

The WYC is located at 165 Pleasant St. in Wickford. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Email NKsailing@gmail.com or call 295-0289 for information or tickets. Seating is limited.

## Rocky Hill School to hold open house

On Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich will host an admission open house for prospective families interested in preschool through grade 12 admission.

Take a student-guided tour of the 88-acre campus, and see the new 50-foot catamaran and floating classroom that faculty and students use to explore the marine environment.

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## Explore elephant history at library program

The Friends of the Jamestown Library will host a talk on an upcoming documentary film, “Elephants in Rhode Island! A Documentary about the World’s Largest Land Mammals in the Nation’s Smallest State,” by local filmmaker Patti Cassidy this Monday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

The first elephant arrived in R.I. on its way to Boston in 1768, but the story of elephants in R.I. really begins in 1826 with Betty the Learned Elephant and her tragic visit to Chepachet. In 1893, Providence went elephant crazy, when the children of the city bought Roger the baby elephant for the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

Fannie the elephant came from the circus to Slater Park in Pawtucket, where she lived for the next 35 years. When the park closed in 1993, her story had a fairy tale ending. Ocean State Kate, Ginny and Alice live at the Roger Williams Park Zoo. These tales are the core of the new documentary, and the talk will include an 1893 film clip of Roger, the baby elephant from the Library of Congress.

Refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to the public. Call 423-7280 for more information.

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